Term 4, Week 1

Student of the Week: Lucas S1/2E

Lucas is a wonderful student. He is enthusiastic, tries his best, completes all his work and is always quick to help others in class. Lucas is co-operative, helpful and a good listener. With lots of rehearsals over the past few weeks, his good manners have been noticed by many teachers and he has received many happy notes. It is a pleasure to have him in the class.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to all students K-6 who performed beautifully in the 2014 Annual School Concert “Music Through the Ages”; a special mention for Isaac Smith and Jake Godfrey who coordinated the sound; Jaxson Stericker and Hayden Prentice who coordinated the back stage movement of classes and Jack Kershaw and Bella McVicar who coordinated the props and backdrop slideshow.

Well done to all of the Clarence Town students who attended the holiday Sport Program – Mr Lofts reports that the program was a
great success and the Clarence Town students were excellent role models for our school.

A special mention of congratulations to Dungog HS Year 12 students who will begin their HSC exams soon – we wish them good luck! Mr Lofts attended the Yr 12 Assembly at the end of Term 3 after receiving an invitation from Crystal Venables (Mr Lofts had taught her in Kindergarten). It was wonderful to hear about all of the Clarence Town Public School students who received special awards and mentions at the assembly.

Principal’s News
Welcome back to Term 4! I trust you had a wonderful holiday and were able to make use of the great weather and enjoy some quality family time. We have a busy term ahead and as we know Term 4 always flies by!

Term 3 finished on a wonderful high note, with the culmination of our combined P&C and School Music Program, which had been implemented in Terms 2 and 3; the concert “Music Through the Ages” was a brilliant success. The photos in last week’s Chronicle were delightful and don’t forget you can still order photos from school of individual and groups. The DVD will also be available and I will put details into next week’s newsletter re: price and ordering. I would like to thank Mrs Bagnall for her continued commitment to teaching Music across our school and to my staff for their commitments to working with Mrs Bagnall and the students for presenting a quality Music Program and Performance. Lots of work goes in behind the scenes to create this event and this team work is greatly appreciated by the students, families and the wider community. I would also like to thank the P&C and parent body for supporting this program and jointly funding the program along with the school. This team work is what makes our school great – well done all!

This term we will be busy with our 2015 Kindergarten Orientation Program. I start with Kinder Interviews for the next three weeks and I will be speaking at the preschool next Thursday evening – if you are unable to make this date and have some questions please don’t hesitate to contact me at school on 49964156 or via email on louise.blakemore@det.nsw.edu.au. This will be followed by our Kindergarten Orientation Parent Information Evening on 28 October (see invitation further over in newsletter for details.) Then during November we will hold our Kinder orientation visits for students – the dates for this will be advertised in the coming
weeks. It is a very exciting time for our preschool students and once again I thank Rebecca Boland and her great team at Clarence Town Preschool for all the hard work they do in supporting our Kindergarten Orientation Program and preparing the students for school. If you have a child ready to start school in 2015 and haven’t contacted the school yet please do so to be a part of this wonderful transition program.

**Term 4 programs** will also include: Stage 2 and 3 Swimming for Sport, Active After School Community Sport Program, Public Speaking Competition, Surf Fun Day, Student Leaders elections, PBL, Presentation Day, Year 6 Farewell and our annual Party Day Excursion. Information and notes will go home prior to each event so keep a close eye on the newsletter for dates and details. Mrs Etchells will remain on sick leave for the next few weeks and Mrs Jensen will continue teaching S1/2E during this time. Otherwise all other staffing remains the same for Term 4.

As the weather warms up we head back into **Summer Uniforms**:

**Girls** – check dress or check shorts/top set + Broad Brimmed Green hat, white socks and black shoes

**Boys** – grey shorts and green school polo shirt + Broad Brimmed Green Hat, grey socks and black shoes

Sports uniform – school sports polo and either green shorts or sport skirt/skorts + Broad Brimmed Hat, white/grey socks and joggers.

However, this is also the term that Year 6 begin to grow out of their uniforms and if this is the case for your child please contact me via phone or email to organise a suitable alternative for the remainder of the school year.

I have been trying to finalise arrangements for 2015 OOSH and school buses for Clarence Town Public School students. I expect to have accurate and up to date information by the end of this week and I will add this information to our Week 2 newsletter.

During the school holidays there was a community meeting regarding the Brig O’Johnston Bridge over the Williams River near the caravan park. I have attached a Community Update from the meeting to today’s newsletter, which includes a feedback form. Obviously the bridge needs urgent repair and we are lucky that our bridge has been identified for this project. However, there are many logistical concerns and the RMS is
working with the community to create the best solutions. Many community members are concerned that the long term disruption will affect local businesses and there could be an impact on school enrolments. If you have any concerns please complete the feedback form and look at attending the next meeting on Saturday 25 October – see details on the attached sheet.

I will be in school every day this week.

We are constantly reminding students of our PBL Values and school motto along with our Tawny 5 Rules…and I would also encourage parents to use these words when celebrating positive behaviour and discussing negative choices with your child.

The Tawny 5 Rules:
- I can listen
- I can put up my hand and wait
- I can work quietly
- I can follow instructions
- I can control what I do and Say

The School motto:  
**Kindness  Honesty  Effort**

The Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Values:  
**Learning  Safety  Respect**

Through working together we create the best opportunities and learning experiences for all our students.

Have a great week.
Louise Blakemore
Principal

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**Public Speaking**
Our speakers for Friday 10 October are Jaxson Stericker, Jayden Hawkin, Sam Cummings, Tahlia Thew and Taylor Howarth. Good luck students!!!

**Head Lice Alert**
It is the time of the year for head lice. There have been several cases reported in the School. We encourage all parents to make Sunday night “Nit Night” by checking your child’s hair and treating if necessary.

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**Kinder Enrolment 2015**

We are now taking enrolments for Kinder 2015.

If your child will be attending our school next year, please contact the office on 4996 4156 to enrol your child.

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**CONCERT RAFFLE WINNERS**

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Canteen News

Please note there is NO canteen until wk 2 Monday 13th Oct. Attached to the newsletter is term 4 roster. I would like welcome our new parents that have volunteered their time to help this term, if you can fill in any of the blank days please let me know. If there are not 2 volunteers the canteen will not open.

Contact Information Danni Jeffery 0411 444 242 - Roster Samantha Zuber 0409 599 544 - Canteen Convener

The simplest way
...to pack a Healthy Lunch.

Remember your daily target for fruit and vegies?

Everyone should aim for 2 pieces of fruit and 5 serves of vegies!

Try these simple ideas:

- Pack vegetable sticks - try carrots, celery, capsicum and cucumber - with hummus and vegetable based dips (like pumpkin, beetroot, spinach)
- Add a small 150g tin of baked beans to your kids’ lunch box.
- Leftovers are an exciting lunch box addition - try packing fried rice, vegie stir-fries or some vegie frittatas - they all taste great cold!

For more information visit www.eatittobeaitit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeaitit

Eat It To Beat It

CLARENCE TOWN COMETS SWIMMING CLUB

Pool opens from 20/9/14
Durham St Clarence Town

Meet and greet on the 8th October
4pm – 5.30
For all people registering
With a FREE Sausage sizzle
Aquascramble and swim.

First Club night 10/10/14
6pm to 7.30pm
$75 for swimmers
$25 for non-swimmers
Season Passes available

Also available are
Learn to swim
Squad Training

Swimming Club is a great family night. An excellent way to give your children skills, Whilst having a fun time with friends.

BBQ and other food available

Pool Hours 7am to 5pm
See or Phone Dave on 49964586
Registrations can be done online

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